

What is expected from a conservation district supervisor to implement District Law in the conservation district?

The fiduciary responsibility of a conservation district supervisor is to do the things necessary to implement the District Law. To perform the fiduciary duty of a conservation district supervisor, that supervisor must make an effort to: 1) be informed of the issues that affect the conservation district, 2) seek resources and advocate for policy to implement District Law in the conservation district, and 3) educate others in the conservation district, including funding sources, of the importance of natural resource conservation.

Be informed of the issues that affect the conservation district.

A conservation district supervisor must attend regular board meetings to learn and conduct the business of the conservation district. The supervisor needs to attend meetings of the State Conservation Commission, the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, and other conservation-related organizations and affiliations that the district participates in on a regular basis to keep abreast of issues and conservation policy that affect the supervisor's respective district.

Seek resources and advocate for policy to implement District Law in the conservation district.

Conservation district supervisors determine the natural resource conservation needs of their respective districts. Having made these determinations, it is their responsibility to seek resources to address these needs. In some cases, resources exist to address certain needs. It is the supervisor's duty to match the need to the resource. If resources do not exist to meet a particular natural resource conservation need, it is the responsibility of the conservation district supervisor to seek resources for that need and advocate for conservation policy that will address the need.

Educate others in the conservation district, including funding sources, of the importance of natural resource conservation.

Conservation is the wise use of our natural resources. Conservation is the best way to ensure that these resources will be here for our future use. Proper use of our natural resources ensures that they will be sustainable or last longer. Proper use of our resources is to the benefit of all. Conservation education includes educating youth, land users, public policy makers, and individuals on the importance of natural resource conservation. Funding sources, such as county commissioners and legislators, are especially important. Funding sources must be educated on the benefits of natural resource conservation so they can make policy and adequately fund natural resource conservation in the conservation district and the state of Kansas.